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Ananda Marga: a deadly mix of yoga, violence?

A cult active on the Peninsula says its goals are humanitarian. But others link it to killings around the world.

By Bernard Bauer
Staff Writer

A worldwide sect that runs yoga and meditation classes at a secluded Los Altos Hills house is under investigation by the FBI because it is suspected of engaging in terrorist activities.

Publicly, the sect, the Ananda Marga Yoga Society, blends Eastern spiritualism with a wide array of social programs. It operates medical clinics, surgery schools and food programs for the poor in more than 120 countries,

including two sites in Santa Clara County.

But there is a darker side to Ananda Marga. Throughout the world, the cult has been connected to violence and bloodshed.

The sect's guru, Prabhakar Ranjan Sarbar, spent seven years in an Indian jail on charges of murdering six defectors. The conviction was reversed on appeal in 1978.

In the interim, seven followers burned themselves to death to protest the guru's prison sentence. Other cult-

ists went on a spree of terrorism aimed at freeing their leader, according to CIA and FBI documents.

- ✓ Among the attacks
- ✓ An Indian embassy attaché was stabbed in Washington, D.C.
- ✓ An Air India employee was assaulted with a knife in Los Angeles.
- ✓ A brick and a fire bomb were thrown through the window of the Air India office in New York City.
- ✓ A police officer and two garbage collectors were killed when the Hilton Hotel in Sidney, Australia, was bombed

during a meeting of 12 Commonwealth ministers.

- ✓ Two cultists each were sentenced to 18 years in prison for conspiring to murder Australian right-wing extremist Robert Cameron.
- ✓ Two American cultists were convicted of the attempted murder of an Iranian diplomat in the Philippines. One, who co-founded the Los Altos Hills center, recently won an acquittal on appeal.

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Ananda Marga followers:

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✓ A policeman was seriously injured when a bomb exploded in the Air India office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

✓ The Indian High Commission office in Canberra, Australia, suffered more than \$250,000 in damage from an arson fire.

✓ Diplomats and Air India employees in Australia and England were stabbed.

Suspect in slaying

In an unrelated 1981 incident, police in Europe are seeking a veteran cult member who allegedly lured a former Ananda Marga monk to Sweden and killed him.

Dadaji Danesbananda, a spokesman for the group's national headquarters in Denver, acknowledged that some terrorist acts

‘We don't carry arms. . . . But we encourage that people should be prepared to defend themselves.’

— Jim Venezia, official in Ananda Marga

attributed to the cult “may have been committed by misguided youth who have no faith in Ananda Marga ideology. But Ananda Marga is an organization directed to service to humanity and raising the spiritual consciousness of everyone.”

The current FBI investigation is based in part on reports that Ananda Marga is planning more terrorist activities, according to an agency source who requested anonymity.

“We have investigated them in the past for isolated incidents,” the FBI source said. “We did not investigate them as an organization until recently.”

Last October, Indian intelligence agencies notified the FBI that Ananda Marga members were planning to cross the California-Mexico border and assassinate Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during the Cancun Summit.

Tightened security

And during Pope John Paul II's visit to the Philippines last year, police instituted extreme security measures after Ananda Marga reportedly threatened the pope's life.

The U.S. government also has received

whose membership in the United States has been estimated at 1,000 to 20,000, runs terrorist training camps in California and New York. The State Department has identified similar operations in India.

A sect spokesman said the reports are “totally bogus.”

Yet the FBI considers Ananda Marga to have a high potential for violence.

Like other sects, it is based on a strict dogma. Its particular dogma advocates a “one-world government” headed by the cult's leaders. The guru, known to his followers as “Baba” or “Father,” predicts that this plan will succeed and that the cult will rule the world by the year 2005.

“They foresee the bringing in of (that) age . . . through violence,” said David Fetcho, an ex-cultist. “It's kind of taken for granted that that will happen.”

As a preventive measure, the State Department has banned Sarkar, the guru, from entering this country.

Fear of violence

“Our concern is that his presence here might lead to acts of violence,” said an Indian-affairs analyst in the department who requested anonymity.

No acts of terrorism have been linked to the tax-exempt Los Altos Hills center, where about 800 disciples have been trained in the group's political and religious beliefs.

In fact, Ananda Marga denies any role in the violence attributed to the organization. Rather, spokesmen stress its social-welfare programs and the letters of commendation the organization has earned around the world.

“I know several Margis and they are fine, committed people,” the State Department official said.

Sect spokesmen blame communists for spreading “inaccurate and purposefully misleading statements” about the organization. The two groups have a history of antagonism in India.

Ananda Marga also blames communists for the April 30 daylight massacre of 17 of its nuns and monks in downtown Calcutta. The victims were stoned and stabbed to death and then piled in a heap and burned.

Disagreement with communists

Indian police say the massacre was caused by rumors that Ananda Marga was stealing children. The sect claims that it was an organized attack by the Communist Party.

Whether to protect itself or — as its critics claim — to foster its own violence, the cult maintains a security branch, known as VSS.

The VSS is the main “violence-prone wing of Ananda Marga” and is responsible for a series of terrorist acts around the world in 1977 and 1978, according to declassified CIA documents.

trained in the use of martial weapons, including knives and machetes (martial-arts weapons), the U.S. State Department said.

There are unconfirmed reports of VSS camps in California and New York, a department official said, “but I haven't seen any hard evidence of that.”

Jim Venezia, treasurer-secretary of the VSS national office in Los Angeles, said all charges of terrorism are “totally bogus.”

Venezia said the 70 VSS members in the United States act as “a security force . . . to keep order” during political demonstrations by Ananda Marga members.

Self-defense encouraged

“We don't carry arms,” he said. “We

‘My view of Ananda Marga is that it teaches yoga, it teaches spiritual practices, and that's the core of it.’

— Bob, a former devotee

don't train people in any organized way. But we encourage that people should be prepared to defend themselves.”

Like their counterparts overseas, VSS members in the United States wear uniforms of gray shirts with epaulettes, khaki pants and Australian bush hats, Venezia said.

Many U.S. followers seem to be unaware of the charges of evil that critics say permeates the inner sanctum of the cult.

“It's kind of a schizophrenic group,” said Josh Baran, who runs “Sorting It Out,” a counseling service in Berkeley for dropouts from cults. “There are people that have been involved for years who don't know about that side of things at all.”

A former U.S. government official whose son belongs to the sect, said that its good deeds are merely a cover for less noble purposes.

“Despite its idealistic face in the United States, it's basically an organization dedicated to the overthrow of the basic institutions of the United States and the free world,” he said.

Like other sources, the former official

Sect leader's murder conviction was overturned, but his conduct has drawn scrutiny, and allegations

Cult's guru inspires devotion and 7 supreme sacrifices

By Bernard Bauer
Staff Writer

To his devout followers, Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar is a god.

"I was searching for my guru for years. In Ananda Marga, I do not have to search anymore," said a 28-year-old Trinidad man who trained recently at the Los Altos Hills center. "It is a miracle."

To others, the guru of Ananda Marga is Satan.

Nawal Kishore, a former high-ranking monk, wrote in 1975 that Sarkar is "a perverted megalomaniac" whose "murder squads" tied disloyal members to trees and stabbed them to death.

"It is a fact that, under the guise of spiritual practices, Sarkar and his associates have been indulging in quite heinous crimes," says a declassified but heavily censored 1980 CIA document.

Cult critics say that Sarkar runs his organization as a merciless autocracy and inspires unthinking loyalty in his followers. He was arrested in 1971 after Indian law-enforcement agencies uncovered an alleged plot to murder 18 defectors.

Sarkar and several followers were charged with six murders, as well as kidnapping and weapons possession.

From the outset, his followers mounted a long campaign aimed at winning the guru's release.

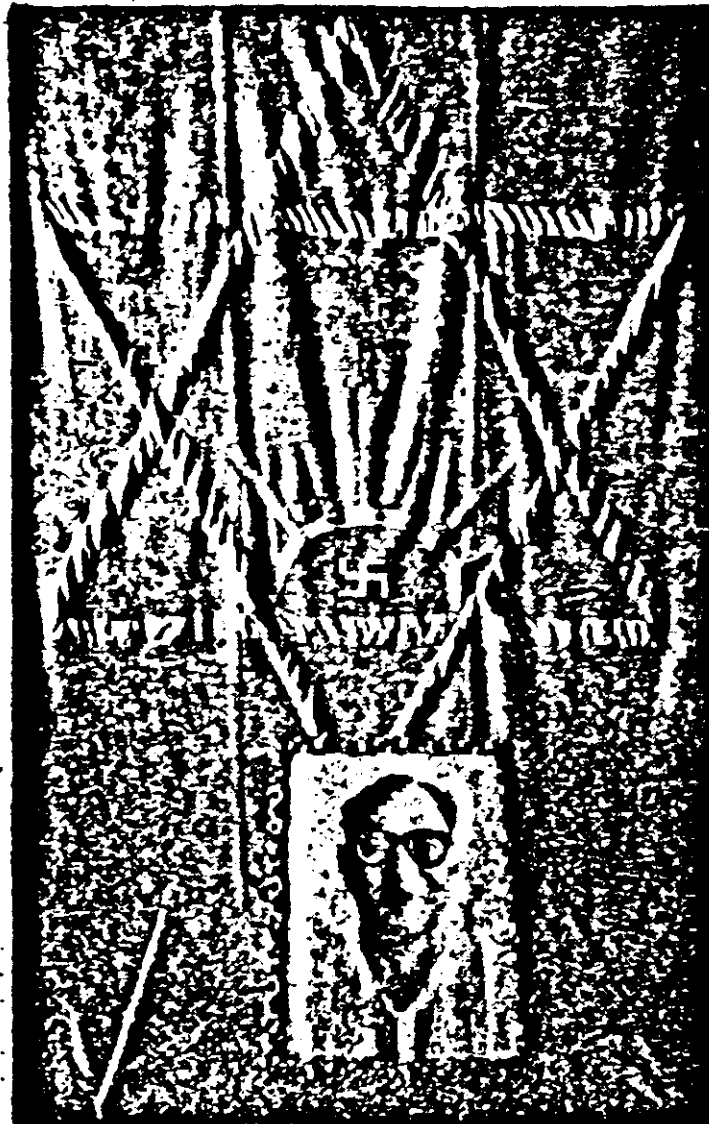
Seven disciples eventually burned themselves to death in protest.

One self-immolation occurred in the United States, with others in Europe, India and the Philippines, according to a sect manifesto.

"It was seen as a great sacrifice," said ex-member Rabbi Yehudah Fine of New York City. "These people were doing the ultimate sacrifice. That's what you were told."

Bizarre claims about the sect persisted through the 1970s. "It became a frequent practice for the Anandamurti (Sarkar), sitting on a chair with a rod in his hand, to chastise errant (monks), all of them stripped naked," ex-member Kishore wrote. "He used to cane them one by one mercilessly...."

"The Margis were dismayed to find that while some of them got punishments, oth-



Enshrined at Ananda Marga's center in Los Altos Hills are a photo of the guru, Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar, and the cult's symbol, which includes a swastika and a six-pointed star.

ers continued to enjoy his confidence, particularly those who brought young boys for the perverted satisfaction of Anandamurti."

A spokesman for Ananda Marga's national office in Denver called the allegations about Sarkar's behavior "a complete sham. I doubt you would find 1 percent of truth in them."

In 1976, Sarkar and four co-defendants were found guilty of murder and conspiracy to murder and sentenced to life in prison. The conviction was overturned on

appeal two years later when a higher court ruled that the testimony of the prosecution's main witness had not been sufficiently corroborated.

Still, parents of current members say they are terrified by what seems to be a blind allegiance to the guru.

"I don't think anyone would have the drive on their own to go out and burn themselves," one father said. "There's some kind of mind control that makes them act as automatons."

— Bernard Bauer

Ex-devotee's lecture tour in Europe proved fatal

By Bernard Bauer
and Walter

For eight years, life in Colorado was over-blessed for one high-level devotee from Ananda Marga.

Eighteenth Singh had moved to Boulder after a six-month tour, his guru. There, Singh set up a meditation group, the Mishka Foundation, over the years, built a significant following.

Then, inexplicably, Singh disappeared during a trip to Europe last year.

Two-and-a-half months later, his badly beaten and decomposed body, stuffed inside a plastic bag, floated to the surface of a lake near Stockholm.

The prime suspect, Sten Rodenberg of Sweden, still is at large, according to police in his native country. Rodenberg is a member of Ananda Marga and was attached to the Denver branch of the cult, police say.

Accused in killing

Two months ago, an alleged accomplice in the killing, Franz Wornel, was arrested as he arrived in West Germany from Nepal. Swedish and West German police say they believe Wornel, but he belongs to Ananda Marga.

Singh reportedly had been accused-in-command to Barker when he left India and Ananda Marga in 1973. In Boulder, his popularity grew quickly, and he drew a following, extremists in Ananda Marga came jealous of his power.

By 1980, Singh was traveling around the world, lecturing on his religion. Then, in February 1981, Rodenberg, the suspect in the killing, rented an apartment near the guru's residence and began to apparently devote disciples.

Organized tour

Few people realized that Rodenberg, then 34, had been an Ananda Marga member for seven years and was a trainer who traveled around the United States inducting new members.

Rodenberg eventually convinced Singh to embark on a European lecture tour, which he volunteered to arrange. The suspect then left for Sweden.

Singh disappeared on April 30, the day he arrived in Sweden. His decomposed body was found July 13 inside a plastic bag weighted with rocks.

Jan McCoy with the Daily Camera of Boulder, Colo., contributed to this story.



Photograph by Randy Green - Mercury News

Peninsula center trains disciples

At a large wood-and-glass home in the foothills above Los Altos, Ananda Marga recruits from North and Central America and the Caribbean are indoctrinated in the group's political and religious concepts.

About 500 people have been trained at the Los Altos center since it opened in 1972.

Six devotees, led by an Indian monk, live full time in the house, located at 27160 Moody Road on unincorporated Santa Clara County land bordering the town of Los Altos Hills. Trainers pass through the center in small groups for six-week training sessions that cost \$200.

Few earthly goods

It is a spartan existence. Followers, called Margis, sleep on the floor and have few possessions.

Each Sunday at noon, the disciples provide food for indigents in downtown San Jose. On Sunday nights, about 50 people gather at the house for chanting and meditation.

The training session follows a schedule that includes five hours a day of meditation and indoctrination. All members are vegetarians and eat breakfast and dinner together.

"Many Margis feel a keen sense of solidarity," said Bob Lamm, 31, of Atlanta, who was recently trained at the center. "Ananda Marga is a solidarity movement. It's similar to the Polish solidarity movement. We're Catholics."

The cult also runs the Ananda Marga School for preschoolers near Los Altos Hills. Teachers meditate among the children to calm them, and parents whose children attend the school praise it highly. The cult's philosophy is not part of the curriculum, according to local teachers and parents.

Assignment overseas

Former members of Ananda Marga say the Los Altos Hills training center was co-founded by a Maryland woman named Victoria Sheppard, who apparently was the first devotee in the United States.

Sheppard, 32, who adopted the Sanskrit name "Madhura" — "Water Fall of Divine Sweetness" — later was sent overseas as a missionary. She ended up in the Philippines, where, police said, she attempted to murder an Indian diplomat.

Sheppard was convicted of the crime, but her conviction was reversed last year by an appeals court in Manila. Her co-defendant, Steven Dwyer, 32, had his appeal rejected. His last hope lies with the Supreme Court of the Philippines. Neither Dwyer nor Sheppard could be reached for comment.

"We know full well that my son isn't capable of this," said Dwyer's father, William, who lives in Wichita, Kan. "He's some part of the Ananda Marga hierarchy in Manila. Their major thing in life is to help poor people. They're just wanting their heads off to try and help the poor people."

-- Bernard Bauer

Nap time for John Ratliff, 3, at the Ananda Marga School gives Randy Goldberg a chance to meditate.

Some practice yoga — others preach violence

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who has studied Ananda Marga for years, declined to be identified because he feared retaliation.

Seeking global changes

"They want to bring about ... a worldwide transformation of society based on Ananda Marga principles," said Rabbi Yehoshua Fine of New York City on an ex-member. "They have the answer."

"They are fanatics," another former member said. "They will do anything — anything. They will kill, and kill."

the center of the movement of curing that swirls around Ananda Marga. A tall, 61-year-old guru, a former railway clerk whose Sanskrit name, Anandacharya, means "enlightenment of bliss."

Sarkar spent part of his early childhood living with Subban Chandra Bose, a radical Indian nationalist who recruited 50,000 soldiers to fight with Hitler and the Japanese against the Allies.

In 1958, Sarkar founded his own branch, yoga, meditation and political dogma.

The cult was exported to the United States in 1968, in an era when Indian guru and religions were leading fertile ground among young people in search of alternative lifestyles. Today, there are branches in 30 cities.

Precise membership figures are difficult to obtain. Ananda Marga claims 2 million members worldwide, with 20,000 in the United States. The State Department estimates there are only 400,000 members worldwide, with 8,000 in the United States.

recruit

lured to be hippies who were buying drugs and going into meditation," said former member Carol Weinglas, a computer programmer at the University of California at Berkeley who was among the first devotees in this country. "We had a mantra we were supposed to say every morning to the light bulb in the bathroom."

During the early 1970s, Ananda Marga signed up thousands of members in the United States. In India, however, critics struck the organization.

Rumors were circulating that Sarkar was ordering the executions of disloyal priests. Sarkar's wife, Uma, left her husband in October 1971, saying it was "impossible for me to be a silent spectator of inhuman, brutal and senseless happenings."

Two months later, Sarkar was arrested and charged with murder.

"I landed in India the day he was arrested," recalled a former member who was sent to the subcontinent to study with Sarkar. "A friend of mine met me at the airport and took me to Puri, where a

group of ex-teachers had gathered.

"One guy said that he personally trained people to kill," the ex-member said. "He said there was a murder conviction. I left the cult and never looked back."

Protests of jailing

Sarkar's followers said that the murder charges were trumped up and that the guru was a victim of political persecution. They staged rallies in the United States and overseas and bought newspaper advertisements protesting Sarkar's imprisonment.

After his acquittal on appeal in 1979, Sarkar embarked on a world tour of Ananda Marga centers. In 1979, defying the State Department ban, he tried to visit the Los Altos Hills center. He was detained at San Francisco International Airport and

They are fanatics. They will do anything — totally unpredictable. They will kill, and they will die.

— Former cultist

sent away, leaving behind hundreds of angry disciples who charged that their freedom of religion had been violated.

Sarkar teaches his followers that the world is in a state of moral and political decay. Both capitalism and communism have failed miserably to meet the material and spiritual needs of mankind, he says.

Hope lies only in a massive "intellectual revolution," led by Ananda Marga. If that fails, however, a "physical revolution" is inevitable.

"No problem of this world can be solved by means of (the) principle of non-violence," Sarkar has written.

One of the texts sold at the Los Altos Hills center stresses that point.

"Any act of violent retaliation against tyranny and oppression is justified," one book says.

Emphasis on charity

Nityashuddhannad Avadhuta, the self-proclaimed Indian monk who runs the Los Altos Hills center, says that violence is not advocated at the six-week sessions he runs. He stresses the humanitarian side of the



Ananda Marga's Los Altos Hills training center has not been linked to any of the terrorism suspected elsewhere. Leader of the center is Nityashuddhannad Avadhuta.

for indigents in San Jose and the Ananda Marga School for preschoolers, situated near the center.

The monk says that the guru's teachings have been misinterpreted.

"We don't support violence," he said. "But when the capitalists exploit, ... naturally the patience of the people is gone. ... When the resentment becomes more and more, a chaotic situation comes, and that brings violence."

As in other cults, life in Ananda Marga is highly regimented. Hours are spent each day in intense meditation. Followers consider the life unifying. Critics call it brainwashing.

"At its most intense levels, you become just basically lost, washed over with a very psychically pleasurable feeling," ex-disciple Fotecho said.

Mind-control charged

Rabbi Fine agrees. "There is no doubt that I was in an altered, hypnotized state," he said. "The techniques they teach are

Fine says he is now sure he was brainwashed. Otherwise, he said, he could not have brought to a cult whose symbol includes a swastika, which spokeswoman says stands for victory.

"Even though that has nothing to do with Hitler, the fact that I could sit down, put my hands on that (swastika), and swear to an oath. ... " Fine said. He called Ananda Marga "a mass movement that included one extra item: a hypnotic, spiritual philosophy on top of it all. It scared me, as a Jew, when I thought of Nazi Germany."

Some ex-members are perplexed at the hostility of former disciples.

"My view of Ananda Marga is that it teaches yoga, it teaches spiritual practice, and that's the core of it," said a former devotee who identified himself only as Bob. "There are no brainwashing techniques. They don't pack people off to a farm. I was never out of communication with my parents."

"It's not a rip-off. I never felt I was

Tough on parents

The increased contradictions are agonizing to many parents of cult members.

"The parents are very, very afraid," said Betty McCannery of the Citizens Freedom Foundation, a national anti-cult organization based in Springfield, Va. "They're afraid harm will come to their children. They're afraid of physical retribution."

Some parents try to keep in touch with their children, but the conversations can be troubling.

"I told my son that he was being deceived, that the sect had a golden shell around a dark core," one father said. "He laughed and said he was planning to go to India to be with Baba."

That decision horrified the father, but he struggled to remain calm. "I told him I loved him," the man said. "I told him we would always be here for him."

"And I told him I hoped he wasn't head-

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (185-62) (RUC)

SUBJECT: VIP PROTECTION SUPPORT FOR THE SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE U.S. OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

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Ananda Marga

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Re Bureau tel to BA, et al, 7/26/82; BAtel to Bureau, et al, 7/27/82; WFOairtel to Bureau, 9/8/82.

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and five copies, for LA, WFO and NY two copies each and for BA and Honolulu one copy of an LHM, dated as above and captioned:

The NH Division is circularizing info copies of the enclosed LHM to the Bureau and those field divisions which had an active interest in captioned matter.

REFERRAL DOCUMENT
MOI/PA # 257, 970
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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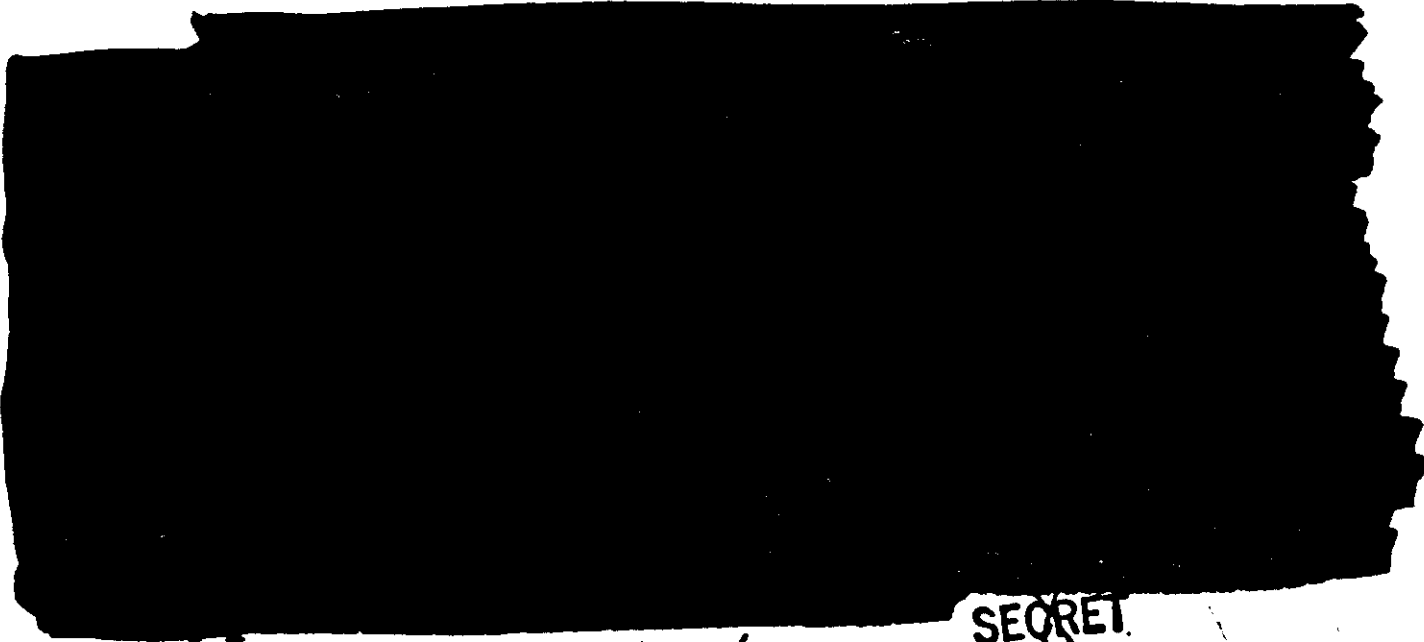
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FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: Legal Attache Hong Kong

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (185-33) (P)

SUBJECT: ANANDA MARGA (AM), aka
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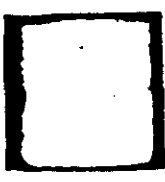
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Ananda Marga: a deadly mix of yoga, violence?

By Bernard Bauer
Staff Writer

A cult active on the Peninsula says its goals are humanitarian. But others link it to killings around the world.

A worldwide sect that runs yoga and meditation classes at a secluded Los Altos Hills house is under investigation by the FBI because it is suspected of engaging in terrorist activities.

Publicly, the sect, the Ananda Marga Yoga Society, blends Eastern spiritualism with a wide array of social programs. It operates medical clinics, nursery schools and food programs for the poor in more than 120 countries,

including two sites in Santa Clara County.

But there is a darker side to Ananda Marga. Throughout the world, the cult has been connected to violence and bloodshed.

The sect's guru, Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar, spent seven years in an Indian jail on charges of murdering six defectors. The conviction was reversed on appeal in 1979.

In the interim, seven followers burned themselves to death to protest the guru's prison sentence. Other cult-

ists went on a spree of terrorism aimed at freeing their leader, according to CIA and FBI documents.

Among the attacks:

✓ An Indian embassy attack was staged in Washington, D.C.

✓ An Air India employee was assaulted with a knife in Los Angeles.

✓ A brick and a fire bomb were thrown through the window of the Air India office in New York City.

✓ A police officer and two garbage collectors were killed when the Hilton Hotel in Sidney, Australia, was bombed

during a meeting of 13 Commonwealth ambassadors.

✓ Two cultists each were sentenced to 10 years in prison for conspiring to murder Australian right-wing extremist Robert Cameron.

✓ Two American cultists were convicted of the attempted murder of an Indian diplomat in the Philippines. One, who co-founded the Los Altos Hills center, recently won an appeal on appeal.

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Ananda Marga followers:

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✓ A policeman was seriously injured when a bomb exploded in the Air India office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

✓ The Indian High Commission office in Canberra, Australia, suffered more than \$250,000 in damage from an arson fire.

✓ Diplomats and Air India employees in Australia and England were stabbed.

Suspect in slaying

In an unrelated 1981 incident, police in Europe are seeking a veteran cult member who allegedly lured a former Ananda Marga monk to Sweden and killed him.

Dadaji Danesbananda, a spokesman for the group's national headquarters in Denver, acknowledged that some terrorist acts

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— Jim Venezia, official in Ananda Marga

attributed to the cult “may have been committed by misguided youth who have no faith in Ananda Marga ideology. But Ananda Marga is an organization directed to service to humanity and raising the spiritual consciousness of everyone.”

The current FBI investigation is based in part on reports that Ananda Marga is planning more terrorist activities, according to an agency source who requested anonymity.

“We have investigated them in the past for isolated incidents,” the FBI source said. “We did not investigate them as an organization until recently.”

Last October, Indian intelligence agencies notified the FBI that Ananda Marga members were planning to cross the California-Mexico border and assassinate Prime Minister Indira Gandhi during the Cancun Summit.

Tightened security

And during Pope John Paul II's visit to the Philippines last year, police instituted extreme security measures after Ananda Marga reportedly threatened the pope's life.

The U.S. government also has received

whose membership in the United States has been estimated at 1,000 to 30,000, runs terrorist training camps in California and New York. The State Department has identified similar operations in India.

A sect spokesman said the reports are “totally bogus.”

Yet the FBI considers Ananda Marga to have a high potential for violence.

Like other sects, it is based on a strict dogma. Its particular dogma advocates a “one-world government” headed by the cult's leaders. The guru, known to his followers as “Baba” or “Father,” predicts that this plan will succeed and that the cult will rule the world by the year 2005.

“They foresee the bringing in of (that) age . . . through violence,” said David Felcho, an ex-cultist. “It's kind of taken for granted that that will happen.”

As a preventive measure, the State Department has banned Sarkar, the guru, from entering this country.

Fear of violence

“Our concern is that his presence here might lead to acts of violence,” said an Indian-affairs analyst in the department who requested anonymity.

No acts of terrorism have been linked to the tax-exempt Los Altos Hills center, where about 900 disciples have been trained in the group's political and religious beliefs.

In fact, Ananda Marga denies any role in the violence attributed to the organization. Rather, spokesmen stress its social-welfare programs and the letters of commendation the organization has earned around the world.

“I know several Margis and they are fine, committed people,” the State Department official said.

Sect spokesmen blame communists for spreading “inaccurate and purposefully misleading statements” about the organization. The two groups have a history of antagonism in India.

Ananda Marga also blames communists for the April 30 daylight massacre of 17 of its nuns and monks in downtown Calcutta. The victims were stoned and stabbed to death and then piled in a heap and burned.

Disagreement with communists

Indian police say the massacre was caused by rumors that Ananda Marga was stealing children. The sect claims that it was an organized attack by the Communist Party.

Whether to protect itself or — as its critics claim — to foster its own violence, the cult maintains a security branch, known as VSS.

The VSS is the main “violence-prone wing of Ananda Marga” and is responsible for a series of terrorist acts around the world in 1977 and 1978, according to declassified CIA documents.

trained in the use of martial weapons, including knives and machetes (martial-arts weapons), the U.S. State Department said.

There are unconfirmed reports of VSS camps in California and New York, a department official said, “but I haven't seen any hard evidence of that.”

Jim Venezia, treasurer-secretary of the VSS national office in Los Angeles, said all charges of terrorism are “totally bogus.”

Venezia said the 70 VSS members in the United States act as “a security force . . . to keep order” during political demonstrations by Ananda Marga members.

Self-defense encouraged

“We don't carry arms,” he said. “We

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— Bob, a former devotee

don't train people in any organized way. But we encourage that people should be prepared to defend themselves.”

Like their counterparts overseas, VSS members in the United States wear uniforms of gray shirts with epaulettes, khaki pants and Australian bush hats, Venezia said.

Many U.S. followers seem to be unaware of the charges of evil that critics say permeates the inner sanctum of the cult.

“It's kind of a schizophrenic group,” said Josh Baran, who runs “Sorting It Out,” a counseling service in Berkeley for drop-outs from cults. “There are people that have been involved for years who don't know about that side of things at all.”

A former U.S. government official whose son belongs to the sect, said that its good deeds are merely a cover for less noble purposes.

“Despite its idealistic face in the United States, it's basically an organization dedicated to the overthrow of the basic institutions of the United States and the free world,” he said.

Like other sources, the former official

Sect leader's murder conviction was overturned, but his conduct has drawn scrutiny, accusations

Cult's guru inspires devotion and 7 supreme sacrifices

By Bernard Bauer
Staff Writer

To his devout followers, Prabbat Ranjan Sarkar is a god.

"I was searching for my guru for years. In Ananda Marga, I do not have to search anymore," said a 28-year-old Trinidad man who trained recently at the Los Altos Hills center. "It is a miracle."

To others, the guru of Ananda Marga is Satan.

Nawal Kishore, a former high-ranking monk, wrote in 1975 that Sarkar is "a perverted megalomaniac" whose "murder squads" tied disloyal members to trees and stabbed them to death.

"It is a fact that, under the guise of spiritual practices, Sarkar and his associates have been indulging in quite heinous crimes," says a declassified but heavily censored 1980 CIA document.

Cult critics say that Sarkar runs his organization as a merciless autocracy and inspires unthinking loyalty in his followers. He was arrested in 1971 after Indian law-enforcement agencies uncovered an alleged plot to murder 18 defectors.

Sarkar and several followers were charged with six murders, as well as kidnapping and weapons possession.

From the outset, his followers mounted a long campaign aimed at winning the guru's release.

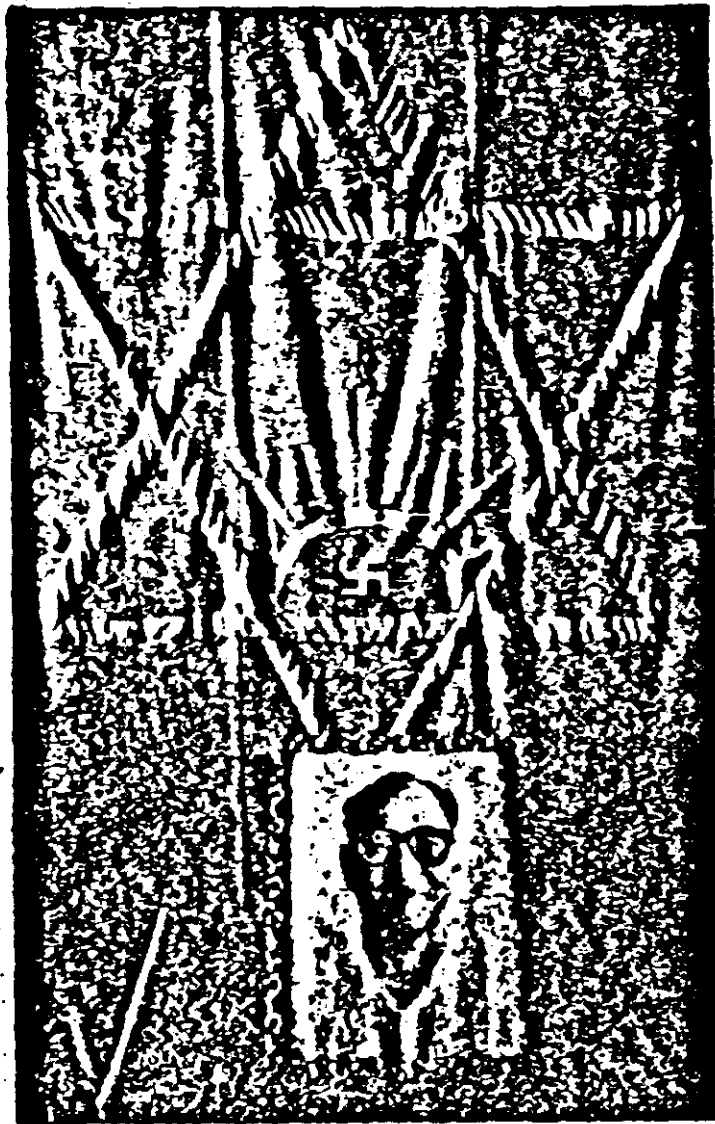
Seven disciples eventually burned themselves to death in protest.

One self-immolation occurred in the United States, with others in Europe, India and the Philippines, according to a sect manifesto.

"It was seen as a great sacrifice," said ex-member Rabbi Yehudah Fine of New York. "These people were doing the ultimate sacrifice. That's what you were told."

Bizarre claims about the sect persisted through the 1970s. "It became a frequent practice for the Anandamurti (Sarkar), sitting on a chair with a rod in his hand, to chastise errant (monks), all of them stripped naked," ex-member Kishore wrote. "He used to cane them one by one mercilessly...."

"The Margis were dismayed to find that while some of them got punishments, oth-



Enshrined at Ananda Marga's center in Los Altos Hills are a photo of the guru, Prabbat Ranjan Sarkar, and the cult's symbol, which includes a swastika and a six-pointed star.

ers continued to enjoy his confidence, particularly those who brought young boys for the perverted satisfaction of Anandamurti."

A spokesman for Ananda Marga's national office in Denver called the allegations about Sarkar's behavior "a complete sham. I doubt you would find 1 percent of truth in them."

In 1976, Sarkar and four co-defendants were found guilty of murder and conspiracy to murder and sentenced to life in prison. The conviction was overturned on

appeal two years later when a higher court ruled that the testimony of the prosecution's main witness had not been sufficiently corroborated.

Still, parents of current members say they are terrified by what seems to be a blind allegiance to the guru.

"I don't think anyone would have the drive on their own to go out and burn themselves," one father said. "There's some kind of mind control that makes them act as automatons."

— Bernard Bauer

Ex-devotee's lecture tour in Europe proved fatal

By Bernard Bauer
and Staff

For eight years, life in Colorado was mar-bling for one high-level doctor from Ananda Marga.

Robertson Singh had moved to Boulder after a break with Sarkar, his guru. There, Singh set up two meditation groups, the Mahata Foundation, and, over the years, built a significant following.

Then, inexplicably, Singh disappeared during a trip to Europe last year.

Two-and-a-half months later, his badly beaten and decomposed body, stuffed inside a plastic bag, floated to the surface of a lake near Stockholm.

The prime suspect, Sven Rodensberg of Sweden, still is at large, according to police in his native country. Rodensberg is a member of Ananda Marga and was attached to the Denver branch of the sect, police say.

Arrest in billing

Two months ago, an alleged accusation in the billing, From Warsaw, was arrested as he arrived in West Germany from Nepal, Sweden and West Germany police say they believe Warsaw, an alleged devotee of Ananda Marga.

Singh reportedly had been accused of embezzling money from his guru and Ananda Marga in 7 in Boulder, his popularity grew quickly, and, according to followers, extremists in Ananda Marga became jealous of his power.

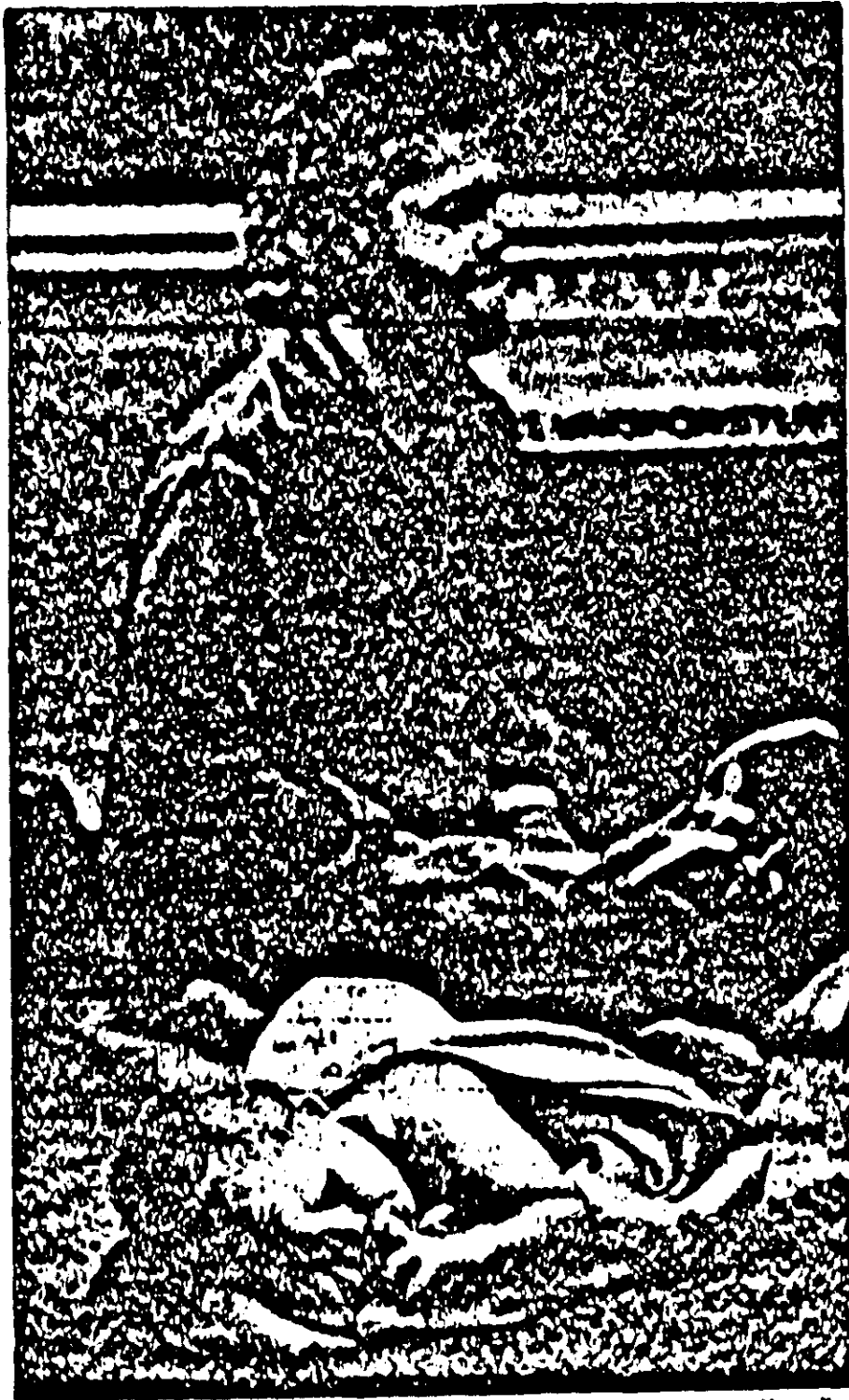
By 1980, Singh was traveling around the world, lecturing on his religion. Then, in February 1981, Rodensberg, the suspect in the killing, moved an apartment near the guru's residence and became an apparently devoted disciple.

Organized tour

Few people realized that Rodensberg, then 34, had been an Ananda Marga member for seven years and was a trainer who traveled around the United States inducting new members.

Rodensberg eventually convinced Singh to embark on a European lecture tour, which he volunteered to arrange. The suspect then left for Sweden.

Singh disappeared on April 30, the day he arrived in Sweden. His decomposed body was found July 13 inside a plastic bag weighted with rocks.



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Peninsula center trains disciples

At a large wood-and-glass house in the foothills above Los Altos, Ananda Marga recruits from North and Central America and the Caribbean are indoctrinated in the group's political and religious precepts.

About 200 people have been trained at the two-story center since it opened in 1972.

Its devotees, led by an Indian monk, live full time in the house, located at 27160 Moody Road on unincorporated Santa Clara County land bordering the town of Los Altos Hills. Trainees pass through the center in small groups for six-week training sessions that cost \$200.

Few earthly goals

It is a spartan existence. Followers, called bhakti, sleep on the floor and have few possessions.

Each Sunday at noon, the disciples provide food for indigents in downtown San Jose. On Sunday nights, about 20 people gather at the house for chanting and meditation.

The training session follows a schedule that includes five hours a day of meditation and indoctrination. All members are vegetarian and eat breakfast and dinner together.

"Ananda Marga had a born sense of solidarity," said Bob Lewis, 31, of Atlanta, who was recently trained at the center. "Ananda Marga is a solidarity movement. It's similar to the Polish solidarity movement. We're analogous."

The sect also runs the Ananda Marga School for preschoolers near Los Altos Hills. Teachers meditate among the children to calm them, and parents whose children attend the school praise it highly. The sect's philosophy is an part of the curriculum, according to both teachers and parents.

Assignment overseas

Former members of Ananda Marga say the Los Altos Hills training center was co-founded by a Maryland woman named Victoria Sheppard, who apparently was the first devotee in the United States.

Sheppard, 28, who adopted the Sanskrit name "Mahatma" — "Great Soul of Divine Government" — later was sent overseas as a missionary. She ended up in the Philippines, where, police said, she attempted to murder an Indian diplomat.

Sheppard was convicted of the crime, but her conviction was reversed last year by an appeals court in Manila. Her co-defendant, Steven Dwyer, 28, had his appeal rejected. His last hope lies with the Supreme Court of the Philippines. Neither Dwyer nor Sheppard could be reached for comment.

"We know full well that my son isn't capable of this," said Dwyer's father, William, who lives in Wichita, Kan. "He's some part of the Ananda Marga hierarchy in Manila. Their major thing in life is to help poor people. They're just working their heads off to try and help the poor people."

— Bernard Bauer

Nep time for John Roth, 3, at the Ananda Marga School & ver Randy Goldberg a chance to re-ditate.

Some practice yoga — others preach violence

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who has studied Ananda Marga for years, declined to be identified because he feared retaliation.

Seeking global changes

"They want to bring about ... a worldwide transformation of society based on Ananda Marga principles," said Rabbi Yehoshua Pine of New York City, an ex-member. "They have the answer."

"They are fanatics," another former student said. "They will do anything — totally unpredictable. They will kill, and they will die."

At the center of the movement of controversy that swirls around Ananda Marga is the cult's 61-year-old guru, a former railway clerk whose Sanskrit name, Anand-Chandra, means "embodiment of bliss."

Sarkar spent part of his early childhood living with Subhan Chandra Bana, a radical Indian nationalist who recruited 60,000 soldiers to fight with Hitler and the Japanese against the Allies.

In 1944, Sarkar founded his sect blending yoga, meditation and political dogma.

The cult was exported to the United States in 1966, in an era when Indian guru and religions were finding fertile ground among young people in search of alternative lifestyles. Today, there are hundreds in 20 cities.

Precise membership figures are difficult to obtain. Ananda Marga claims 3 million members worldwide, with 20,000 in the United States. The State Department estimates there are only 600,000 members worldwide, with 2,000 in the United States.

Early recruits

"We tended to be hippies who were having drugs and going into meditation," said former member Carol Weinglas, a computer programmer at the University of California at Berkeley who was among the first devotees in this country. "We had a mantra we were supposed to say every morning to the light bulb in the bathroom."

During the early 1970s, Ananda Marga signed up thousands of members in the United States. In India, however, critics struck the organization.

Rumors were circulating that Sarkar was ordering the execution of disloyal priests. Sarkar's wife, Uma, left her husband in October 1971, saying it was "irresponsible for me to be a silent spectator of inhuman, brutal and senseless happenings."

Two months later, Sarkar was arrested and charged with murder.

"I landed in India the day he was arrested," recalled a former member who was sent to the subcontinent to study with Sarkar. "A crowd of mine met me at the

group of ex-teachers had gathered.

"One guy said that he personally trained people to kill," the ex-member said. "He said there was a murder committee. I left the cult and never looked back."

Protests of jailing

Sarkar's followers said that the murder charges were trumped up and that the guru was a victim of political persecution. They staged rallies in the United States and overseas and bought newspaper advertisements protesting Sarkar's imprisonment.

After his acquittal on appeal in 1976, Sarkar embarked on a world tour of Ananda Marga centers. In 1978, defying the State Department ban, he tried to visit the Los Altos Hills center. He was detained at San Francisco International Airport and

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— Former cultist

sent away, leaving behind hundreds of angry disciples who charged that their freedom of religion had been violated.

Sarkar teaches his followers that the world is in a state of moral and political decay. Both capitalism and communism have failed miserably to meet the material and spiritual needs of mankind, he says.

Hope lies only in a massive "intellectual revolution," led by Ananda Marga. If that fails, however, a "physical revolution" is inevitable.

"No problem of this world can be solved by means of (the) principle of non-violence," Sarkar has written.

One of the texts sold at the Los Altos Hills center stresses that point.

"Any act of violent retaliation against tyranny and oppression is justified," one book says.

Emphasis on charity

Nityashodhbandh Avadhuta, the self-free-robed Indian monk who runs the Los Altos Hills center, says that violence is not advocated at the six-week sessions he runs. He stresses the humanitarian side of the



Ananda Marga's Los Altos Hills training center has not been linked to any of the terrorism suspected elsewhere. Leader of the center is Nityashodhbandh Avadhuta.

for indigents in San Jose and the Ananda Marga School for preschoolers, situated near the center.

The monk says that the guru's teachings have been misinterpreted.

"We don't support violence," he said. "But when the capitalists exploit, ... naturally the patience of the people is gone. ... When the resentment becomes more and more, a chaotic situation comes, and that brings violence."

As in other cults, life in Ananda Marga is highly regimented. Hours are spent each day in intense meditation. Followers consider the life unifying. Critics call it brainwashing.

"At its most intense levels, you become just basically hot, washed over with a very psychically pleasurable feeling," ex-disciple Feicho said.

Mind-control charged

Rabbi Pine agrees. "There is no doubt that I was in an altered, hypnotized state," he said. "The techniques they teach are powerful mind-altering techniques."

Pine says he is now sure he was brainwashed. Otherwise, he said, he could not have brought to a cult whose symbol includes a swastika, which spokesman says stands for victory.

"Even though that has nothing to do with Hitler, the fact that I could sit down, put my hands on that (swastika), and swear to an oath ..." Pine said. He called Ananda Marga "a mass movement that included one extra item: a hypnotic, spiritual philosophy on top of it all. It scared me, as a Jew, when I thought of Nazi Germany."

Some ex-members are perplexed at the hostility of former disciples.

"My view of Ananda Marga is that it teaches yoga. It teaches spiritual practices, and that's the core of it," said a former devotee who identified himself only as Bob. "There are no brainwashing techniques. They don't pack people off to a farm. I was never out of communication with my parents."

"It's not a rip-off. I never felt I was ripped off or used."

Tough on parents

The movement's contradictions are agonizing to many parents of cult members.

"The parents are very, very afraid," said Betty McConny of the Citizens Freedom Foundation, a national anti-cult organization based in Springfield, Va. "They're afraid harm will come to their children. They're afraid of physical restriction."

Some parents try to keep in touch with their children, but the conversions can be troubling.

"I told my son that he was being deceived, that the cult had a golden shell around a dark core," one father said. "He laughed and said he was planning to go to India to be with Baba."

The decision horrified the father, but he struggled to remain calm. "I told him I loved him," the man said. "I told him we would always be here for him."

"And I told him I hoped he wasn't heading for the core."

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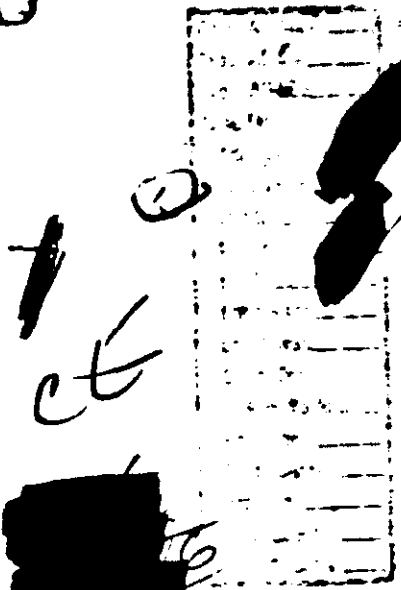
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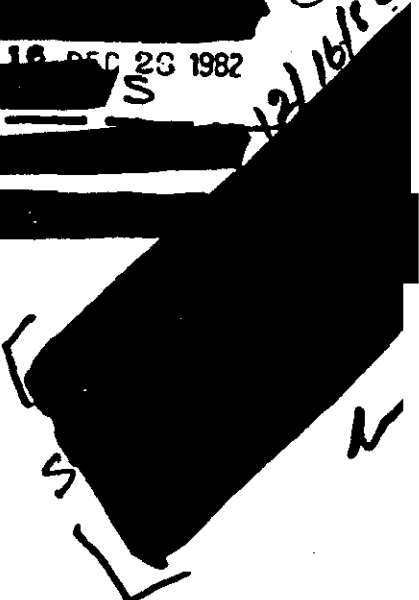
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ATTN: TERRORIST SECTION, DIV. 6

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI b1

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (P)

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